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I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, as we look to end 2014 and jump into 2015. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through this year for CalGeo, and I wanted to let you all know how much I appreciate all of the friends I have made through my experiences on the CalGeo Board.

It is my hope going into the next year that our CalGeo members will continue to be involved in our organization and in their communities. One way for us to promote our great profession is to be a visible and relevant force in these venues. We continue to expand our student chapters at California Universities, and giving time and energy to those groups is one great way to invest in the future of geoprofessionals.



We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Loss Prevention Seminars and Regional Dinner Meetings and we hope you will all join us at this year's Annual Conference in Carmel in April, 2015. Details for all our events can always be found in our e.Geo's and on our website at www.calgeo.org.

Here is to a great 2015, filled with personal and professional success to you all.

Mike Laney
CalGeo President

Time To Register for the Loss Prevention Seminars

Coming in January 2015

Registration packets are now available on our website for CalGeo's Loss Prevention Seminar. Note that the seminar in Fairfield **WILL BE AT A NEW SITE**.

Southern California

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Embassy Suites in Santa Ana

7:30 am to 12 pm

Registration and more information <http://calgeo.org/events/event-details.php?id=pqKf>

Northern California

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield

7:30 am to 12 pm

Registration and more information <http://calgeo.org/events/event–details.php?id=pqKg>

The cost for the seminar is \$120 for members (with multi-attendee discounts) and \$150 for non-members, and includes a full breakfast, break refreshments, and a Certificate of Attendance for each attendee with CEU or PDH credits.

Programs at each site vary, so please be sure to read the registration documents to learn about the site you want to attend.

The deadline for registering and returning these forms for both the Southern and Northern California seminars is Friday, January 16, 2015, so don't be late!

We hope to see you there!

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Shakin' It Up In Carmel!

CalGeo's Annual Conference 2015



We are so excited about our lineup of speakers and events at our Annual Conference at the Quail Lodge & Golf Club in Carmel, April 23–25, 2015! We've gone SEISMIC! Our lineup of speakers includes seismic and liquefaction experts and topics, business and employment professionals, and Monterey Bay geology information.

Look for conference registration packets coming your way in January. Online registration will also be available then at <http://calgeo.org/events/event-details.php?id=pqGi>. Our January e.Geo will have full coverage of the events and speakers.

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Outstanding Project Awards

Call For Entries

CalGeo will again be recognizing firms for their outstanding geotechnical projects at our next Annual Conference in April, 2015. Entries will be judged on innovation, difficulty of the investigation



Board Member, Todd Kamisky, presents 2013 Medium Project Award to Greg Silver of GMU

(difficulty of construction for design–build projects), quality of reports, success of interaction between the design team, and social impact of the project.

Please consider spotlighting your company's technical achievements by submitting a project by **February 13, 2015**. Click [here](#) to download the rules and application package.

Award winners will be highlighted April 25 at the Outstanding Project Awards luncheon during the Annual Conference in Carmel.

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Proposed Modifications to Regulations

The Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists has proposed modifications to the Substantial Relationship Criteria regulations (Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 416 and 3060). Click on or copy and paste the following URL into your browser for additional information:

http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/about_us/416_3060_mod_text.pdf.

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Student Outreach Program

Thank You Donators!

The purpose of the Student Outreach Program is to promote geotechnical engineering in California universities and provide a means for students to interact with practitioners to encourage their careers, find internships, and find employment after graduation. We support them throughout the year with funding, speakers and field trips. This practice is proving to be highly successful for both the students and CalGeo members. Our efforts are partially funded by the Silent Auction at the annual conference, and we thank all of you who donated items or cash this year:

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Ground Force

Jim & Sharon Rowlands/Ralph Stone & Co.

John Sutton/The Sutton Group

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Farrell Design Build

Hannes Richter/Stoney–Miller & Associates

Judd King/Earth Systems

Mike Moscrop/GMU

Sean Maloney/Maloney Construction

Ted Miyake

Helen & Stavros Chrysovergis/SPC Geotechnical, Inc.

Newport Beach Marriott

Thank You Supporters

With Much Appreciation!

On behalf of CalGeo and its Board of Directors, we would like to extend our thanks to the following firms and individuals for their generosity in contributing to the CalGeo General Fund and/or Student Outreach Program:

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Thank you all for your continued support of this organization and the aspiring geotechnical students throughout the State of California.

Preserving Your Christmas Tree



If you're getting a real Christmas tree this season, you'll want it to last through all the ho–ho–ho's and tidings of comfort and joy. Here's what you should do to make sure your tannenbaum doesn't become a tannen–bummer.

No, the secret to keeping a cut tree fresh is not in any magic mixture you place in the water holder in the tree stand. It's in the handling of the tree before the bolts that hold it in that stand get tightened. If you buy a pre–cut tree, be sure to cut an extra inch or two off the bottom when you get it. Then sit the bottom of that freshly cut trunk in a big container of water for several hours — preferably an entire day — before you put the tree into its stand. That fresh cut and long soak will allow the tree to become really saturated with needle–holding moisture.

Keep the tree away from heat sources indoors, use cool–to–the–touch LED lights (instead of those old hot incandescents) and keep the water reservoir filled, especially for the first week inside. Even “pre–soaked” trees can suck up lots of water their first days in a warm room.

Tired of pulling evergreen needles out of your socks on Christmas morning? Buy local. And I don't mean locally

made spruce-proof slippers — I mean the tree! The way to really ensure long-lasting freshness is to visit a local Christmas tree farm and “cut your own.” you get a tree that’s FRESH with a capital “F.” Plus you’re buying local, helping to keep that land planted in trees instead of townhouses and it’s a great family day outdoors — you almost always get free cookies and hot chocolate! Oh yeah, and a really nice tree, too.

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